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APPLICATION NO. 09/848,666
CONFIRMATION NO. 7794
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Dear Examiner Tang::

Enclosed with this cover letter is a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is in response to the above Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, and is a petition to give a new filing date for the above-mentioned application, which was missing page 8 of the specification. We apologize for the delay in responding to your letter indicating that a second petition and declaration was required. As I mentioned in our phone conversations, John Mason was gravely ill with colon cancer during the period just after the original application was filed, and subsequently died. Due to this and other complicating factors, the response was not timely submitted. We apologize for the delay, and greatly appreciate your willingness to examine our petition

nonetheless.

Also enclosed with this letter is a copy of the letters testamentary, indicating that Lydia Mason is authorized to sign for John Mason.

If there is anything more you need from us, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 602-8002, collect if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Michael G. Kinnaird, Ph.D.

Inventor

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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re: Petition under 37 CFR 1.182, Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) & Supplemental Oath under 37 CFR 1.163 & 1.164.

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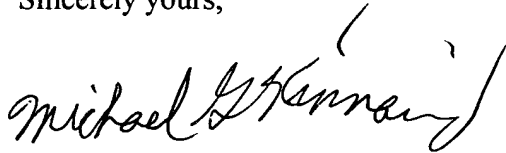
This petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is in response to the above Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, and is a petition to give a new filing date for the above-mentioned application, which was missing page 8 of the specification. Enclosed with a previous version of this petition was the page number eight (8) which your letter of 6/28/01 indicated was missing from the patent application referred to above. Also enclosed previously was a check for \$130.00, as the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), and a supplemental oath in compliance with 37 CFR

1.63 and 1.64. Please assign a new filing date to this application.

If there is anything more you need from us, please do not hesitate to contact me at (919) 602-8002, collect if necessary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael G. Kinnaird".

Michael G. Kinnaird, Ph.D.

Inventor

This petition is also presented by Lydia ^{RM}~~F~~ Mason, executrix for the estate of John C. Mason.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lydia F. Mason".

Lydia F. Mason

Executrix for John C. Mason